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THE STATEHOOD BILL CRISIS

It Is Approaching and Somebody's Bluff Will Be Called

GARDNER MAKES A FIND

Small Custom Houses in Peril—Favor for the Old Constitution—The Rate Bills—Philippine Tariff Hearing.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A hearing by the Senate Philippine committee upon the Philippine tariff bill was the only important Senate activity of Saturday. The interstate commerce committee met to consider rate bills, but a quorum was not present. In the House further consideration was had on the urgent deficiencies bill. Interest was aroused through the discovery by Mr. Gardner of an innocent-looking provision that would indirectly have meant the abolition of the custom-houses and custom office at Newburyport, Gloucester and other points where the annual receipts are small and hardly equal the expenses. The provision would have repealed existing law and made it necessary for the treasury department to submit annually an itemized statement of its estimates for collecting the customs, instead of merely calling for a lump sum for that purpose, as at present. This would have given the appropriations committee and Congress power over the individual customs offices and a chance to eliminate such as it saw fit. The provision was objected to by Mr. Gardner on the ground that it was new legislation, and therefore under the rules had no place in the appropriation bill. The point of order was sustained and the provision went out. It is understood that the treasury officials themselves would like to do away with numerous customs offices of the sort aimed at, but the congressmen who have the offices for patronage are naturally opposed.

"Somebody's bluff" will now soon be called on the statehood bill. The definite announcement of the organization leaders, that the bill will be reported from the committee on Tuesday, in consequence of which the test vote may come on Wednesday, promises an early end to the tireless turmoil caused by the unblinking claims of both sides and their constant efforts to influence votes. It is argued from the fact that the organization leaders have tried to name a date that they have things fixed to their satisfaction. But the anti-statehood men are as loud as ever in their claims, and suggest that the willingness to let the matter come to a vote is really due to a hint from the president. They have seen Mr. Roosevelt, and believe they have influenced him enough to make him wish to see the issue fought out on its merits without further delay. On the whole, the claim that the regular organization has the situation well in hand seems best worth belief.

Representative McCall took the petition for the preservation of the frigate Constitution to President Roosevelt Saturday morning. The president was emphatic in stating his wish that the historic ship be preserved, so was Admiral Dewey, who was also present. Admiral Dewey, who commanded the Constitution for three years, urges not only that the hull of the ship be restored to good condition but that her masts be replaced as they were in the old days, as has been done by the English in the case of Nelson's flagship the Victory. From the feeling displayed Friday and Saturday it appears certain that an appropriation can be obtained from Congress to preserve the ship. The democratic leaders as well as the republicans favor it.

The republican members of the House interstate commerce committee were in session until midnight Friday in consideration of the Hepburn rate bill. Four important amendments are being urged, especially by Messrs. Eick and Townsend. These would provide more clearly for the publicity of joint rates, would provide for a change of venue in court proceedings from the district in which the headquarters of the road might be situated to that in which the alleged discrimination, etc., was committed, that the findings of the commission be accepted in court as prima facie evidence, and that the commission be composed of seven instead of nine members, as the Hepburn bill now reads. All of these amendments should be adopted and some of them will be. Final action will be taken on Tuesday and the bill reported. On that day also the Senate committee will hold its next session and take up the recently-outlined Elkins bill, which is apparently growing in favor, although Senator Elkins' railroad affiliations are recognized as reason for studying it closely.

Saturday's hearing before the Senate Philippine committee was largely occupied by Senator Newlands, who endeavored to explain his reasons for opposing the bill and for wishing rather to help the islands by an industrial bank fund so that they may be more easily separated from them when the time comes. He was subjected to endless questions from various senators, most of which were apparently intended to bring the issue rather than to meet it.

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TROUBLE IS LOOKED FOR

By the Conference Delegates at Algeciras.

CONTRABAND AND FINANCE

Are the Questions for Early Consideration at the Morocco Conference—A Bull Fight Is in Prospect.

Algeciras, Spain, Jan. 21.—Behind the screen of amiability that envelops the relations of the envoys of the powers to the Moroccan conference here a rising feeling of distrust is observable, due seemingly to the unwillingness of both France and Germany to define their positions beyond reaffirming now somewhat wearisomely their adherence to the open door, the sovereignty of the sultan and the integrity of his territories. The French delegates in all their conversational reconnoissances with their opponents have been unable to learn precisely what is the position of Germany, nor apparently have the German representatives been able to determine the joint intentions of France and Great Britain. Extreme caution and lack of confidence have begun to destroy the favorable atmosphere for negotiation which was created by the courtesies and assurances of the first days. There is a feeling among the ambassadors of the less interested powers that trouble is in sight. The Moroccan delegates have become conscious of this, and take satisfaction therefrom.

The earnestness of the Moroccan delegates over the urgency for foreign presence of the contraband trade in arms amuses the Moroccan specialists in the conference, as the son of Mohammed El Ferres, head of the Moroccan mission, has grown rich out of the illicit trade in arms, and several others persons of the sultan's court are engaged in this business. Smuggled cartridges are said to be sold regularly along the coast, and cast iron rifles are specially made for the African trade at \$6 apiece. The opinion of those familiar with Moroccan conditions is that it makes little difference what the powers agree upon regarding the contraband arms trade. The result depends altogether on the manner in which the decisions of the conference are enforced.

The committee on contraband of the Moroccan conference met again Saturday. The principal points discussed were the question of the right of seizure by the sultan or by authorized police, and of the authority of vessels-carrying contraband to enter Moroccan harbors. The conference probably will accept the committee's report provisionally, and lay it aside for final action. The reform of the finances of Morocco will next be considered. Thus the conference for some time yet will dodge the question of the organization of the Moroccan police, which involves the vital issue between France and Germany.

The delegates are beginning to show signs of weariness of the limited diversions of the village and therefore they welcome the announcement of a bull fight the 25th, in which three noted matadors will participate. The committee examining into the question of contraband has completed the draft of an agreement which will be submitted to the conference today. The agreement, while temporarily solving this question appears to be purposely framed to further defer the main issues between France and Germany. The draft provides that the various powers shall pass laws prohibiting their citizens from exporting arms to Morocco, and the coast patrol against contraband is restricted to Morocco's territory, thus avoiding the search or seizure of vessels upon the high seas. It is apparent that the theory of the agreement is that Morocco will administer the coast patrol, but the draft does not state who will be charged with this duty, and therefore the delicate Franco-German controversy concerning whether France alone or all the powers shall exercise surveillance is deferred until the question of police has been examined. Copies of the agreement are being printed for distribution to the delegates tomorrow, preparatory to discussion Monday. As Germany and France are both represented in the committee, the agreement of France to the draft seems to insure the acceptance of the plan by the conference. Both sides express outward satisfaction, the Germans appearing to consider this another step in deferring France's exercise of any special surveillance or authority in Morocco.

MOROCCO PREPARING TO SHOOT. Purpose to Bombard Marchica Factory Reported. Algiers, Jan. 21.—The report at Mehlia, the Spanish settlement on the north coast of Morocco, that the Moroccan gunboat Sidra Turki is preparing to bombard the Marchica factory, where the Belgian flag is flying.

American Squadron Sails for Algiers. Tangier, Jan. 21.—The American squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Chas. D. Sigbee, sailed from Tangier, Morocco, yesterday for Algiers. The American squadron was received with great honors at Tangier. Admiral Sigbee exchanged visits with the Moroccan officials and officers. Mr. Philip, American charge d'affaires at Tangier, organized a wild boar hunt, and also an evening dance for the officers of the squadron, which is due to arrive at Algiers tomorrow morning.

Moorish Population Prefers Status Quo. Tangier, Jan. 21.—The American charge d'affaires at Tangier, Hoffman Phelps, says the Moorish population there is in a state of great expectancy over the result of the international conference at Algeciras. He believes that the majority of the Moors would prefer the status quo or the open door.



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NEW DEMANDS OF MINERS.

Convention at Indianapolis Favors Convict Road-Making.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—The subcommittee of the scale committee of the United mine workers, which has been considering the wage scale demands to be made by the miners of the central competitive district, composed of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and western Pennsylvania, and also to be made by the miners of Iowa, Michigan and that part of the Virginias that ships to the West and Northwest, has agreed to report to the general committee meeting the following demands: Admission of the southwestern states to the central competitive field, a 12 1/2 per cent. increase in wages, prohibition of employment of boys less than 16 years of age. The general committee will meet today or tomorrow at Indianapolis to assemble the demands agreed on by the subcommittee and formulate a scale to be submitted to the convention.

The convention at Indianapolis Saturday declared against the open-door policy of this government for the immigration of Japanese and Korean laborers. The convention also declared in favor of a plan to have convicts build good roads across the continent. The resolution in advocating the plan of convict labor in road-making says "it would furnish larger numbers of honest laboring men with employment than rightfully belongs to them and put in circulation the money they would receive as wages." National Secretary-Treasurer Wilson was instructed to communicate with all trade union legislative committees, with the farmers' organizations and the good roads associations of the country, with a view to having bills drawn and presented to the various state and national legislative bodies, incorporating the sense of this resolution. The delegates who represented the striking Alabama miners, who have been out of the mines for 19 months, made a plea for more financial support. After some discussion the matter of support was referred to the international executive board.

A resolution presented by Harry Boothwhite of Colorado, providing that President John Mitchell get a two-months' vacation, on pay and with expenses, in which to regain his health, was declared "out of order" by Mitchell.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT KNIGHTED.

Former United States Commissioner of Labor Recognized.

Worcester, Jan. 22.—Carroll D. Wright, former United States commissioner of labor, now president of Clark college, has been decorated Knight of the Order of Saints Maurizio and Lazzaro by the king of Italy. Mr. Wright has just returned from New York, where he had attended a dinner given him by the American Institute of Social Service, and it was at the suggestion of this association that he was knighted by King Victor Emmanuel in recognition of his work as a political economist, especially while head of the department of labor at Washington.

The presentation was made by the Italian vice consul, Count Aldrovandi.

The order of Saints Maurizio and Lazzaro is probably the oldest order of chivalry in Europe. The decoration carries with it the right to wear the uniform of the order, and there is an element in the order that would correspond to the old Knights Templar who were half warriors and half monks. The decoration itself is a rather large Maltese cross in white enamel and gold, with a wreath of laurel in the center.

WOMAN 77 WHIPS MAN 22.

Protest of Pennsylvania Dutch Amateurs Again Made Evident.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 22.—The remarkable protest of old Pennsylvania German women, once their fighting blood is aroused, is a matter of certain knowledge among those who have undergone the personal test. Samuel Biever, a farmer of Oley, who is 22 years old, is the latest to give testimony as to this. He told his story in court, where his suit for \$5,000 damages against Mrs. Mary Reider is on trial.

He had a quarrel with the woman, who is seventy-seven years old, and apparently as fragile as a reed. They couldn't agree as to the right of way in a lane. Words failing, Mrs. Reider, according to Biever, took the law into her wrinkled old hands.

Biever was mere play for her. He emerged from the hot bout of ten minutes so badly banged and buffeted that for seven weeks, he avers, he was unable to do any work harder than catting.

The case is still undecided, although the sympathies of the jury are with Mrs. Reider.

PHILIPS OFF FOR 142 DAYS.

Man Who Tried to Run Away With Locomotive Will Retain.

Bennington, Jan. 21.—Daniel Phelps of Williamsport was taken to the house of correction in Rutland Saturday afternoon to serve 142 days for breach of the peace. Phelps is the man who recently undertook to run away with a Rutland railroad locomotive, and who for that offense is held for the grand jury in \$1,000. After serving his sentence he will be brought back here.

VERMONT IN WASHINGTON

There Are 183 People From This State Employed There

NOT IN ARMY AND NAVY

Combined Salary of the Employees Is \$281,719.50—State Department Has at Present No Employee from Vermont on Its Role.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Volume one of the official register of the United States, otherwise known as "The Blue Book," has just been issued from the government printing office. This register gives the name of each person employed in the various branches of the government on July 1, 1905, together with the position held by each and the amount of salary received. Volume one covers all branches of the service except the postal service, and volume two, which will be issued a few months later, will be devoted entirely to that department.

An examination of the register shows that there are 183 persons employed by the government in the District of Columbia who were appointed from and are accredited to the state of Vermont, the aggregate salary of the whole number being \$281,719.50. Included in this aggregate are those employed in the legislative branch, the various departments, commissions and in the government of the District of Columbia, but it does not include Vermonters who are connected with the army, navy or marine corps, although they may be stationed for the time being in this city.

The state department is the only department which did not have a Vermont on its pay roll on July 1st, but of course this refers only to those employed in Washington, as there is a generous sprinkling of appointees from that state in the consular service. The number from Vermont employed in each of the remaining departments, etc., with the total amount of compensation in each, is as follows:

Legislative department, including the delegation in Congress, number employed twenty-three, salary \$45,860; treasury department, number employed twenty-one, salary \$24,869.50; war department, number employed seventeen, salary \$21,170; department of justice, number employed two, salary \$7,750; post office department, number employed fourteen, salary \$18,750; navy department, number employed two, salary \$5,500; department of the interior, number employed thirty-two, salary \$44,700; department of agriculture, number employed thirteen, salary \$12,500; department of commerce and labor, number employed ten, salary \$13,940; government printing office, number employed twenty-two, salary \$21,225; District of Columbia government, eight, salary \$15,545; civil service commission, number employed two, salary \$3,250; interstate commerce commission, number employed five, salary \$15,460; Smithsonian Institution, number employed two, salary \$1,200.

A large majority of these places are under the civil service and the record of the commission shows that the state has a quota largely in excess to that to which it is entitled, on a basis of population.

MURDER MYSTERY IN OHIO.

Wealthy Banker Found Dead After Visit of a Stranger.

Warren, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Residents of West Farmington, a village near Warren, O., were excited Saturday over the mysterious murder Friday night of R. C. Lewis, a wealthy banker and farmer. An unknown man went to the home of Lewis in a carriage. Lewis and this man, it is said, were in conference for an hour. At the end of that time a hired man in another part of the house smelled smoke and rushed into the room. He found Lewis lying dead with his head crushed while his hands and feet were tightly bound. The body was covered with burning straw, which had been saturated with coal oil. The stranger was missing. It is believed that the murder followed a quarrel over business matters, as a number of account books of the dead man were found lying on the table in the room where the crime was committed. Lewis, who was 50 years and 70 years old, lived alone in the house with a hired man.

The detectives found that Lewis' skull had been crushed with a flatiron, which was lying near the body covered with blood. Lewis held many thousands of dollars' worth of chattel mortgages, and it is believed that a quarrel over one of these resulted in his death. The murderer evidently had made no attempt at robbery, for Lewis' pocketbook with contents and his watch were found on the body.

The murder of Lewis recalls the sudden death of two brothers within four months, and gives rise to speculation as to whether there have been three murders in the family. Frank Lewis died September 29 last, after an illness of only three hours, although he had been complaining for some time. George Lewis, in good health until the 8th of this month, suddenly fell into convulsions on that day and died before doctors arrived.

MAN WITH STEEL IN BRAIN.

Three-inch Splinter Removed and Patient Is Doing Well.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—A splinter of steel three inches in length was yesterday removed from the brain of John Neil of Winston, N. C., at the Jefferson hospital here.

An effort was made to draw out the splinter by means of a powerful magnet, but the steel was so firmly imbedded that the surgeons were compelled to resort to the knife.

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New York, Jan. 21.—The Herald today says:

That Lady Parker, wife of Sir Gilbert Parker, was robbed of \$75,000 in jewels several weeks ago in the Carlton Hotel, London, has been revealed in this city since the departure of a representative of Scotland Yard, London's secret service bureau, for Palm Beach, Fla. For more than a week the London detective worked in this city independently of the central office, visiting pawn shops and following other trails.

In the recent political campaign in England Lady Parker took up a temporary residence in the Carlton. She was Miss A. E. Vantine of this city, daughter of the late A. Vantine, and wealthy in her own right. Her jewels are well known, and on this occasion she had a casket in her room containing a part of her collection.

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Little was thought of the incident, and Lady Parker went to make some calls. When she returned she discovered that the case and its contents had been taken. Nothing else had been disturbed. Entrance had been obtained by a master key.

It was Lady Parker's description of the man who had rapped at her door that caused the Scotland Yard man to take ship for this city. The detective authorities thought they recognized in it a man who has made a reputation as a sneak thief and hotel thief on two continents.

It was learned that he had sailed for

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